

## **Homeschooling**

Parents have a number of choices if they are interested in homeschooling. All parents must follow certain state guidelines and must notify the state of the establishment of a home school via the home school website (electronically), or send written notification to the Secretary of Education at 300 Don Gaspar Santa Fe, NM 87501-2786 (Attention: Home School Bureau) within thirty (30) days of establishment of a Home School and re-notify on or before April 1st of each year thereafter. The Public Education Department of New Mexico's Home Schools bureau disseminates information and provides technical assistance to parents, community members, schools, and district personnel on home schools. Home schools are operated by a parent or legal guardian of a school-age person who instructs a home study program, including but not limited to reading, language arts, mathematics, social studies, and science. These students are not considered public school students and do not receive credits for the courses unless the home study program is through an accredited correspondence school. For further information, visit the NMPED Home School webpage at <https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/options-parents-families/home-schools/> or call the NMPED Home Schools Office at (505) 827-6909. Resources provided by the New Mexico Public Education Department can be found on the webpage. For more information on accredited correspondence schools contact the Kirtland AFB School Liaison Officer at (505) 846-6477 or [beth.mann.1@us.af.mil](mailto:beth.mann.1@us.af.mil).

## **Dual Credit**

Dual Credit is available to all home school students. Dual credit allows high school students to enroll in college courses offered by public postsecondary educational institutions such as Central Community College of New Mexico (CNM), University of New Mexico (UNM), and Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute (SIPI). This program provides students the opportunity to earn college credit. The tuition fee and registration fees are waived. Home school students must pay for textbooks, course specific fees, and arrange transportation to the site of the dual credit course. You will need to show your home school registration with the NM Public Education Department. Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be assigned appropriate credit. For more information on CNM's High School Programs, visit their webpage at <https://www.cnm.edu/depts/outreach/dual-credit/high-school-and-dual-credit-programs>. For more information on UNM's dual credit program, visit their webpage at <http://advisement.unm.edu/dual-credit/>.

## **RRPS Home School Services**

You can enroll your home schooler in as little as one class a semester in the district or up to three classes, depending on your student's needs. Doing so does not change your homeschooling status, but it does allow you the ability to take advantage of something the district offers free of charge and already funded by your tax dollars. Curricular materials are provided. Because this option is separate from normal district enrollment, your choice(s) can be onsite, where your student comes daily to a class or lab, or in some cases off-site through an online cyber

option. Any subject, K-12, can be accessed through our home schooling outreach program. It might be a required core course like math, science, language arts or social studies, or an elective your student simply finds interesting and wants to explore with a certified and licensed teacher in that field. You spend a lot of time developing home schooling curricula to support your student's learning. While you are tailoring a program to meet your student's unique needs, think of us as another accessory in your educational closet!

This program is available to any currently home schooled, school-age student in New Mexico qualifies! You don't have to be a resident of Rio Rancho to take advantage of this opportunity. Under the New Mexico Open Enrollment Act, schools may allow inter-district and intra-district transfer options for all students "when there are sufficient accommodations to provide for them". Out of district parents will need to take an extra step of completing a transfer request form, and we would be happy to help you with that as well. It is our pleasure to roll out the welcome mat for you! For more information, visit

<https://www.rpps.net/page/schools> or <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-uhvQtGF2lyy3NR82WkB7qyilwNNS3uT/view?usp=sharing>.

### **Education Resource Center**

Contact phone (505) 292-3156 or [erc.gbc@gmail.com](mailto:erc.gbc@gmail.com)

<https://www.facebook.com/EducationResourceCenter/>

The Education Resource Center (ERC) is a ministry of CAPE-NM, located in Albuquerque at Grace Baptist Chapel, 12201 Comanche Rd. NE. Open on Fridays, the ERC provides a staffed facility where veteran home school "experts" can provide advice, support, and encouragement, along with curriculum consultation, a curriculum library, home school supplies, testing and referrals, and home school community resource information. Over the years, more than 4,000 books and reusable resources such as microscopes, telescopes, and math manipulatives have been added to the lending library. In addition, a mentoring program links experienced home school families with beginners. The ERC also organized regional contests such as the Spelling Bee, Word Power Challenge, Science Fairs. There is a minimal membership cost to check out curriculum or supplies.

### **APS Home School Support**

The APS Home School Office has resources for parents and students in home school programs. They can also provide you with a list of contacts for teaching materials and connect you with support groups. For more information, visit

<https://www.aps.edu/service-center/home-school/home-school-office>.

The Coyote Willow and Desert Willow Family School are alternative K-8 programs offered through the Albuquerque Public Schools. Students enrolled here participate in a program that combines a half-day of classroom instruction with a half-day of home-based instruction. This helps parents and students take active roles in their educational process and provide support for students transitioning into public schools.

## **Kirtland Air Force Base Homeschoolers**

Contact: Chelsea Poll, phone: (702) 481-5078

Michelle Johns, phone (334) 580-7649, Email [michellejohns@msn.com](mailto:michellejohns@msn.com)

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Welcome to the community page for Kirtland's homeschooling families! This is the place for sharing cool general information, memes, questions, and support. If you're celebrating a success or need to vent about a bad day this is the page where parent educators can find that camaraderie. We have satellite groups for learners 3yo-K, K-9yo, and 10yo+ for more focused activities appropriate to the different development and socialization needs of each category of student. If you want more information about these, please contact an admin. This is a closed group.

Satellite group- Kirtland AFB Elementary Homeschoolers-

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/1027919817282428/?action\\_source=group\\_m\\_all\\_recommendation\\_affordance](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1027919817282428/?action_source=group_m_all_recommendation_affordance)

Their group is here to provide support, community, friendships, and educational experiences to all homeschooling families with base access! They meet on the first, third, and (occasional) fifth Tuesdays at 1:30 PM. This is a closed group.

## **Parent Led Academic Network Team (PLANT, Inc.)**

<http://www.parentlednetwork.org>

PLANT, Inc. brings together people who are passionate about teaching, who are experts in a subject matter and love sharing their knowledge with kids together with parents who want the best education for their kids. PLANT, Inc. supports home educators and parents seeking supplemental education for their pre-school through 12 grade students with individuals in the community who love to share their knowledge of a particular subject. They have a wonderful Resource directory for information, curricular/extra-curricular opportunities, and support groups/Co-op groups at <http://www.parentlednetwork.org/resource-directory.html>.

## **Homeschool Extracurricular Opportunities**

### **Albuquerque Homeschool Sports Association**

Homeschoolers can play middle school and high school sports with the Albuquerque Homeschool Sports Association (ASHA). They compete in the Charter School League in Albuquerque. <http://www.ahsasports.org>.

### **Art Classes**

Albuquerque Museum <https://www.cabq.gov/culturalservices/albuquerque-museum/education-programming/museum-school>

Paradise Hills Community Center Homeschool Arts & Crafts

<https://www.bernco.gov/community-services/paradise-hills-programs.aspx>

Los Vecinos Community Center (East Mountains) Homeschool Creative Creations

<https://www.bernco.gov/community-services/los-vecinos-programs.aspx>

## **Music Classes**

Let's Play Music - Tiffany Shurtz

Sound Beginnings (Ages 0-4)

Let's Play Music (Ages 4-8)

[tiffanyshurtz@letsplaymusicsite.com](mailto:tiffanyshurtz@letsplaymusicsite.com)

[www.letsplaymusicsite.com](http://www.letsplaymusicsite.com)

## **Physical Education Classes**

Rio Rancho Homeschool Archery, PE, Swim Team

Published 3 times a year in the Rio Rancho Program Brochure under Youth

Athletics <https://www.rrnm.gov/369/Program-Event-Brochure>

Paradise Hills Community Center Homeschool PE

<https://www.bernco.gov/community-services/paradise-hills-programs.aspx>

Ninja Park Homeschool PE <http://www.ninjaforcegym.com/home.html> (flyer on bottom of page)

Stone Age Climbing Gym Alternative PE <https://climbstoneage.com/alternativepe/>

Vista Grande Community Center (East Mountains) Homeschool PE

<https://www.bernco.gov/community-services/vista-grande-programs.aspx>

## **Performing Arts**

Sandia Youth Orchestra

The Sandia Youth Orchestra is made up of current and graduated homeschool students from the greater Albuquerque area.

<https://www.facebook.com/SandiaYouthOrchestra/>

Sandia Youth Choir

A homeschool choir for young men and women with three levels, ages ranging from six to 18, located on the ABQ/Rio Rancho border.

Facebook page- [Sandia Youth Choir](#)

Mid Rio Grande Homeschool Band

Offers Beginning, Intermediate, Concert, Symphonic and Jazz Bands and Guitar Classes. <http://nmhomeschoolband.com/>

## **Science**

Air Force Research Lab (AFRL) STEM Academy

<https://afrlnm.com/stem/>

Explora! <http://www.explora.us/en/educational-programs/home-school/>

National Museum of Nuclear Science & History

<https://www.nuclearmuseum.org/educate> or on Facebook- [National Museum of Nuclear Science & History Homeschool Group](#)

### **Clubs and Activities**

Los Vecinos Community Center (East Mountains) Homeschool Recreation

<https://www.bernco.gov/community-services/los-vecinos-programs.aspx>

### **Home-Schooling Support Groups**

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#### **ABQ Homeschool Park Group**

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/127238644623442/?ref=br\\_rs](https://www.facebook.com/groups/127238644623442/?ref=br_rs)

ABQ Homeschool Park Group exists to provide an authentic and welcoming community for its homeschooled children and their parents. They are first and foremost a social group. Their primary and unifying activity is a weekly park day on Thursday afternoons.

#### **Albuquerque Christian Homeschoolers**

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/1597821683771001/?ref=br\\_rs](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1597821683771001/?ref=br_rs)

A virtual place for Abq Christian Homeschoolers (including Unschoolers, or any other type of -schoolers) to meet, support, and encourage one another.

Closed Facebook group.

### **Albuquerque Home Educators (AHE)**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/600879093610288/?ref=gysj>

Albuquerque Home Educators (AHE) is a group of homeschooling parents in and around Albuquerque who gather together to help each other create learning and social opportunities for their children. AHE provides support, ideas, information, and opportunities for group classes and field trips. While not a current member of the umbrella group H.O.U.S.E. (Home-Oriented Unique Schooling Experience), AHE follows the core principals in that this group is non-sectarian, and our members have many different approaches to and reasons for homeschooling.

Closed Facebook group.

### **Albuquerque Homeschool Resource List**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/418081578253435/?ref=gysj>

A secular group created to share events, classes, and educational opportunities for kids in the greater Albuquerque home school community.

Closed Facebook group.

### **Albuquerque Homeschool Sports (AHSa)**

Email: [ahsahomeschoolsports@gmail.com](mailto:ahsahomeschoolsports@gmail.com)

Phone: 505-366-4187

<http://www.ahsasports.org/>

They are a Christian homeschool sports organization providing opportunities for homeschool students to participate in competitive athletics at the middle and high school levels in the Albuquerque area.

### **Albuquerque Homeschool Teens & Preteens**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/AlbuquerqueHomeschoolTeensPreteens/>

Hi parents, teens, and preteen homeschoolers of Albuquerque and Rio Rancho!

This is a secured group on Facebook where you can post, conversate with others, and plan. The main purpose of this group is to provide an online place on FB where homeschooled preteens & teens, of the Albuquerque and Rio Rancho areas, may gather and socialize. Many parents and students expressed the need for such a place . . . we hope that this will fit the bill! 😊:D Providing a safe & secure atmosphere is the top priority. Second priority is to make sure the students feel like they have a place on Facebook that is appropriate for them . . . it's important that they feel comfortable to carry on conversations and brainstorming's. We will learn as we go. 😊:)

Closed Facebook group.

## **Christian Association of Parent Educators - New Mexico (CAPE-NM)**

P.O. Box 3203, Moriarty, NM 87035

Phone: (505) 898-8548

Email: [info@cape-nm.org](mailto:info@cape-nm.org)

<http://www.cape-nm.org/>

CAPE is a nonprofit organization, directed by a board subscribing to a Christian statement of faith. CAPE's purpose is to serve the entire home school community, regardless of religion. The annual convention and curriculum fair fall family leadership retreat, state Capitol Day, voice mailbox, quarterly newsletter, and statewide support group information are just a few of the opportunities that CAPE sponsors.

## **Christian Homeschool Co-op**

<https://christianhomeschoolco-op.org/>

To contact them, you can send an email from <https://christianhomeschoolco-op.org/contact-us>

Meeting location: Netherwood church of Christ, 5101 Indian School Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110

Christian Homeschool Co-op is a community in which home-schooling families meet together to encourage and support one another in a common endeavor to glorify God and educate their children through the sharing of their individual skills, talents, knowledge, and gifts. Class offerings vary from semester to semester, depending on the willingness and creativity of their parents. In the past, they have offered classes such as science, languages, math games, art, sewing, cooking, sports medicine, creative writing, guitar, study of missionaries, history of spies, pioneer crafts, book studies, etc. Classes are usually divided into grade groupings such as: Kindergarten, 1st-3rd, 3rd-5th, mid-school, high school. The groupings of ages can vary depending on the teacher and the class being offered. Because they function as a co-op, a cooperative arrangement of parents joining together to further their children's educations, they do require one adult from each family to participate in a classroom as either a teacher or an assistant for the duration of the semester. The exception to this is if it is the first semester in the co-op. Newcomers to the co-op, instead of participating in a classroom, will participate in a Bible study, where an opportunity to be refreshed and build new friendships within the group is provided.

## **Edgewood Homeschoolers**

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/1756091918006080/?ref=br\\_rs](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1756091918006080/?ref=br_rs)

We are a group of homeschoolers in and around the East Mountains of New Mexico (East of Albuquerque) meeting in Edgewood. We welcome all homeschoolers to join us with co-ops, park days, field trips and any other get together. Please keep group posts and comments courteous and relevant to homeschooling.

Closed Facebook group.

**In Him Homeschoolers**

2A Locust Hill Rd, Tijeras, NM 87059

Contact: Lisa Silva

Email: [fullhousewithsix@aol.com](mailto:fullhousewithsix@aol.com)

<https://eastmountainhomeschoolers.wordpress.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/591210304245362/>

In Him is a Christian homeschooling group. They live in the East Mountains or Albuquerque area of New Mexico and usually meet in Edgewood or Tijeras. Their field trips are all over the Albuquerque and East Mountains area. They homeschool in a variety of manners and methods.

**Mid-Rio Grande Home School Band**

(505) 506-1328

Email: [nmhomeschoolband@gmail.com](mailto:nmhomeschoolband@gmail.com)

<http://nmhomeschoolband.com/>

They are dedicated to providing a sound music education and performance opportunities using traditional ensemble settings for home school students in and around Albuquerque, NM. The Beginning, Intermediate, Concert, and Symphonic bands are available depending on skill and grade level, beginning in 5th grade. Jazz Band is available for students who are already in Symphonic and complete an audition. The instrumentation for all bands is for traditional band and does not include piano, guitar, or other stringed instruments. There are three levels of Guitar Orchestra available (separate from band). Students will learn how to play the guitar in different styles depending on skill level.

**Westside ABQ - Rio Rancho Homeschoolers**

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/447753998744589/?ref=br\\_rs](https://www.facebook.com/groups/447753998744589/?ref=br_rs)

ABQ Westside and Rio Rancho homeschool families! Let's plan group trips, park days, projects of all sorts and support each other!

Closed Facebook group.

**Wild+Free Albuquerque- Homeschool Nature Group**

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/1848854648737003/?ref=br\\_rs](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1848854648737003/?ref=br_rs)

Welcome to Albuquerque's chapter of Wild+Free, a community of homeschoolers dedicated to giving our children a quality education while preserving the adventure, freedom, and wonder of childhood. We organize events twice per month where we can get together and explore the natural beauty Central New Mexico has to offer. This FB group is open to homeschooling families in the greater Albuquerque area. Prospective homeschoolers are also welcome to join, but please keep in mind that hikes are geared toward school-aged kids.

Closed Facebook group.